



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

**JUNE 2023**



**Rachel Walker above Loch Etive – photo Pip Leach, story on page 10**

## **Editorial**

In here are the list of Wednesday evening outdoor climbing venues for June. Climbing and walking days in the Peak plus a Lake District meet to a splendid hut in the Duddon Valley with stunning walking and climbing close by, a Yorkshire Dales weekend and a Welsh barbeque meet. Working parties are planned at both huts in June and July.

Meet write-ups include the Glen Etive meet, pictures from Cornwall and local walks.

Also in here more about next year's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans and, sadly, details of Mike Moore's funeral on page 15.

**Copy Deadline 20 June.**

## Meets List 2023 Michael Moss

There are still some meets that will depend on members volunteering to lead them. Is nobody going to the Alps this year? If you are – just share your plans - it doesn't mean you have to take responsibility for people, just provide a focus. Same goes for hut meets, Peak day meets, Spring and August bank holidays, or anything else that you are keen to do. I would very much like to hear from you.

Michael Moss: email: xxxxxxxxxxxx Tel xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

June	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peak Climbing day meets	Horseshoe Quarry	Dave Mason
	7th	Wednesday walk		John Gwyther
	9th - 10th	High Moss hut, Rucksack club	Duddon valley, Lakes	Chris Radcliffe
	15th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	17/18	Weekend climbing & walking, Yorks Ramblers Club	Clapham, Yorkshire Dales	Peter Amour
	23rd-25th	BBQ Tan yr Wyddfa	N Wales	Tony Howard
July	???	Alpine meet		Meet leader needed
	1/2nd or 8/9th	Peak climbing day meets	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	5th	Wednesday walk		Rusty Clive Russell
	15/16	Weekend walk		Nigel Briggs
	20th	Thursday short walk		Christine Paice
	25th to 27th	Tan Yr Wyddfa working party		Dave Snod Helliwell
28/29th	Welsh hut meet Tan Yr Wyddfa		Dave Snod Helliwell	
Aug	2nd	Wednesday walk		Jan Wilson
	4th-5th	Weardale, walking and mountain biking		Pip Leach & Pete Masters
	12th/13th	Peak climbing day meets	Peak district	Ed Bloomfield
	17th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	19th	Weekend walk		Louise Amandini
	26th-28th	BH		Meet leader needed
Sept	1st/2nd	Low House MAM hut, Coniston	Lakes	
	6th	Wednesday walk	Kinder	John Green
	9th/10th	Peak climbing day meets/BARMY comp?	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend walk		Richard Linney
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	23rd/24th	BARMY comp?	Peak district	
Oct	4th	Wednesday walk		Charlie Taylor
	6/7th	Fylde hut Little Langdale	Fylde MC hut swap	Dave Snod Helliwell
	11th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	14th-22nd???	Mediterranean sport climbing	Sardinia, TBC	Meet leader needed
	19th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	21st	Gritstone trail stage 6 - finale		Stuart Firth
	27/28	Curry meet, Tan yr Wyddfa	N Wales	Tony Howard
	30	Start Monday evening indoor meets	Climbing unit, Derby	

<b>Nov</b>	1st	Wednesday walk		Rusty - Clive Russell
	4th	Bonfire night	Heathy Lea, Chatsworth	
	8th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	16th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	18th	Annual dinner		
	18/19	Joint FRCC/Oread MC Dry-tooling Meet	Rawhead Barn, Langdale	Neil McAllister & A N Oread
	18th	Weekend walk		John Gwyther
	19th	Post prandial walk		
<b>Dec</b>	6th	Wednesday walk		Charlie Taylor
	6th	Winter wall wednesdays		
	9th to 11th	Bull Stones		
	13th	Black rocks evening meet and pub social	Cromford	
	16/17	Dry tooling Masson Lees		
	16th	Weekend walk		Steve Booth
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	24-1 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Tan Yr Wyddfa	

## Wednesday evening climbing venues.

This year we will choose a venue in advance - it can still be changed if the weather is unsuitable but at least there will be a starting point for discussion.

31 May **The Roaches** then The Rock.

7 June **Willersley** then The Boat

14 June **Harpur Hill** then the Church Inn, Chelmorton.

21 June **Castle Naze** then The Beehive, Combs.

28 June **Stoney Middleton** then the Derwentwater Arms, Calver.

## 3 June – Horseshoe Quarry sport climbing Dave Mason

Horseshoe Quarry may not be the most scenic of climbing venues but it is perfect for those looking to get started leading and cleaning sport routes due to a ground level anchor setup for practice ropework. If you are a bit rusty with your sport climbing skills and want some help or you want to get your first lead head on down. I plan on arriving at 10 am and am happy to spend the day supporting newer climbers.

Dave Mason email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## Wednesday 7 June Edale area Walk John Gwyther

Meet at the car park between Barber Booth and Upper Booth SK107 847 for a 10.00 am departure. There isn't much space please endeavour to car share -but it's free.

Jacob's Ladder - South Head - rough track to A625 - Chapel Gate 15.6Km  
700m+ 4h30.

There are four stiles, not much mud and please bring refreshments. If  
you're coming please let me know.

John Gwyther tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **9 -11 June. High Moss Hut, Seathwaite, Duddon Valley. Chris Radcliffe**

We have booked this excellent hut (Rucksack Club) in the southern Lake  
District for early June when the weather has a good chance of being  
magnificent with plenty of daylight to climb on some high crags.

High Moss is situated in the Duddon Valley in the south western Lakes at  
the foot of the Walna Scar track to Coniston. It is well off the road and  
access is via a good track...but there is no phone signal!



Hut facilities include:

- Well-equipped kitchen.
- Large dining room and lounge both with coal fires.
- 24 bunks in 5 dormitories.
- Toilets, showers and wash-basins.
- Bike store
- Parking for about 10 cars.
- Dogs not allowed in the hut

High Moss is at Grid Reference SD237967 The Postal Address is HIGH  
MOSS. SEATHWAITE. BROUGHTON IN FURNESS. CUMBRIA. LA20 6EE

To reach the hut drive through Seathwaite and approximately 600 yards after the Newfield Inn turn right at a signpost for Turner Hall Farm. In 100 yards a junction is reached. The main track to the right goes to Turner Hall Farmyard. Continue straight on through the gate. After some 100 yards the track swings right into an area that is used by the farm for parking of farm equipment and storage. The route to HIGH MOSS is to the left through a farm gate and across the field. A second gate is passed and High Moss is at the end of the track.

The best approach from the south is the signed route to the South Lakes on the A590 to Greenodd. At the island take the A5092 to Grizebeck and continue on the A595 through Foxfield. Just before Duddon Bridge, at traffic lights, turn off onto the fell road up Dunnerdale which leads to Ulpha and then Seathwaite.

The location of this hut is in a great area of the Lake District for climbing, walking and mountain biking. The local crag is Wallowbarrow, but the Walna Scar track leads to Dow Crag and Coniston Old Man. Other possibilities include driving over Ulpha Fell to Eskdale and walking up Moasdale to access Esk Buttress or even Scafell East Buttress (I've done this in the past, but it's a tough walk in). For walkers, apart from accessing the Coniston Fells along the Walna Scar track, Harter Fell and Ulpha Fell are easily reached through Dunnerdale forest.

I hope we can get a good group for this meet. Let me know if you are interested.

Chris Radcliffe email: [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) Tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

### **Wednesday 14 June Peak District Pleasures at Heathy Lea Chris Wilson**

The evening of Wednesday 14 June will find the Oread at or near Harpur Hill and then relaxing afterwards in the Church Inn at Chelmorton. Events will no doubt be influenced by the weather. Prior to that during the day a small group of members will be at Heathy Lea carrying out a little bit of spring cleaning, cutting back vegetation and general maintenance. They would love you to come along and lend a few minutes of your time helping! Nothing onerous is planned so don't be put off by the thought of hard work. I look forward to seeing you there. Chris (and Jan) Wilson  
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### **15 June Short Walk Rowsley Ruth Gordon**

We will meet for an 11.00am start at the free car park in the little industrial estate at Rowsley SK658257 or thereabouts (first left after the Chatsworth junction before you get to the Grouse and Claret on the right.)

The walk goes up Church Lane, onto tracks, through beautiful woodland, into Chatsworth Park with stunning views, down to Calton Houses and Calton Lees, returning to Rowsley via riverside meadows. Done this way round there is a long steady ascent at the start before a gentle downhill to a level finish. Depending on the wishes of the party on the day we could decide to go the other way round, avoiding the long, continuous ascent. The distance is only five miles so we will be able to take our time. Option for a tea stop at Rowsley Post Office on our return.

Ruth Gordon email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx .

## **17 -18 June Yorkshire Dales Peter Amour**

For :- Climbers, Cavers & Hillwalkers

Where :- The excellent setting of the Yorkshire Dales, Lowstern Hut, Clapham, Nr Settle

Bedspaces :- Only 4 bedspaces remaining. If you want one book now

A superb purpose built hut in it's own grounds with facilities for all outdoors sport including caving if that's your preference.

Climbers:- Sport climbing - Trow Gill and Robin Proctor's Scar within walking distance. A short drive away to Giggleswick North and South and only a little further to Malham and Gordale.

Trad climbing a short drive away at Twistleton Scar and Attermire Scar.

Plus many other crags in the area. An excellent climbing area with plenty to go at on fine Yorkshire Limestone. There is also a "Classic Rock" grit climb on the top of Pen y Ghent if you fancy a walk as well as a climb!

Hillwalkers:- Loads. More than you can shake a stick at! Pen Y Ghent, Whernside, Ingleborough, Crummackdale, Moughton Scar, Ingleton Falls. Lots of others at higher or lower elevations

If you want to guarantee a place in this special area contact me on:-  
[xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) I look forward to seeing you.

## **23-25 June Tan -Yr-Wyddfa BBQ Tony Howard**

Summer at Tan yr Wyddfa – recollections of happy times past: walking the hills or climbing in 'The Pass' or Tremadog, baking at Gogarth, or best of all - pleasant afternoons hiding from the heat on Cynr Las, Cloggy, or Craig Yr Ysfa. Last year's BBQ weekend brought very hot weather; too hot for some. Alternatively, we could be walking in the rain and testing the drying room –

but that probably won't happen.

On Saturday night we will be having a BBQ. You should bring your own food and drink. I will provide fuel for the fine BBQ machine we christened last year.

If you want to come along, please let me know ASAP.

Tony Howard email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Tel: Home xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Mobile: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **1-2 or 8-9 July Peak Climbing day meet**

Keep an eye on the Facebook page and io group for updates on this. Better still – decide where and when you would like to go and volunteer to lead this meet! Contact Michael Moss email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Telxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **Wednesday 5 July Eastern Dove Walk Rusty Russell**

This walk will explore some of the ridge forming the Eastern side of the River Dove, and some of the little known side valleys of the main river, returning via Tissington, Parwich and the connecting paths. From Alsop Car Park we shall travel a little to the north before dropping down to the Dove via Iron Torrs. We then ascend Nabs Dale and travel the East Bank before turning East to return via Tissington, Parwich and Alsop.

Meet Alsop Station Car Park (SK156548) 10am for 10 10 start.

(Those wishing to avoid the extortionate Peak Park parking fees may travel with me by prior arrangement, first four applications accepted, up to three cars may be left at my house, I shall depart at 9 40 sharp.)

Clive Russell email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **16 July Upper Derwent walk Nigel and Janet Briggs**

The July Weekend walk will be on Sunday 16th July. We will be visiting some of the Upper Derwent Hills. The plan is to meet at Fairholmes Car park (SK 173 894) at 10 am Initially we will head South East before heading North to Lost Lad. From here we follow the tops to Margery Hill. A short detour will hopefully enable us to find the Bullstones cabin, somewhere we have never been, before dropping down to the River Derwent at Slippery Stones. This is a well known Derbyshire 'dipping site', and being July this will be the ideal opportunity for a short swim, dip, or paddle. After drying off we walk alongside the reservoirs back to Fairholmes giving a walk of about 22 km.

Please let us know if you will be joining us.

Nigel Briggs email - xxx

Janet Briggs email - xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **20 July Short Walk Lea Christine Paice**

The walk will start at 11 a.m. from outside the Jug and Glass, Main Road, Lea. DE4 5GJ. Roadside parking.

A short walk on the road will take us towards Sledgate Lane. We cross the 'Hollow Way' which is a bit a steep sided. Field footpaths take us to High Lane, the farm and popping out on Shuckstone Lane. A short walk on the road then footpaths eventually take us to Plaistow Green. Steadily upwards to the back of Crich quarry, skirting the quarry to reach Crich Stand. Skirting Crich we walk on another road stretch, Town End, Leashaw Road. On reaching Coddington we take the footpath to Wakebridge. From here it is a few fields to reach Long Lane. Aptly named giving a steady walk back. However, we will pass Lea Gardens café which is open until 5 (Cake!) and the pub is at the end. So, the end of the walk could be a good sit down, in good surroundings (possibly outside) if people wish. About 6 miles with gentle, very gentle inclines (Crich stand is on a hill!). Contact Christine Paice, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **25 – 29 July Tan yr Wyddfa Working Party and Weekend Meet Dave Helliwell**



*Vintage working party featuring Geoff and Annemarie Hayes. Do you recognise anyone else?*

Don't forget this will be the week to give the hut a bit of TLC, have some fun, do some climbing and then enjoy the weekend. All welcome for any

part of the time you can spare. More details next month.  
Dave "Snod" Helliwell emailxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx and  
leave a message, mobile xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **News, Articles and Reports from Meets**

### **The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jan Wilson**

#### **My first duty as President is to ask for your support.**

2024 is going to be a very important year for the club when we will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Various events are proposed including a weekend of activities based at the Golden Gates Campsite on Chatsworth Estate and Heathy Lea. The weekend will we hope include a barbeque at Heathy Lea, activities covering all the climbing disciplines, cycling, walking and wild swimming. If feasible we also propose holding a Barmy Competition. The campsite has been booked for the weekend of the 13, 14 and 15 September so get it in the diary. Depending on the interest within the Oread we intend opening up the event to guests and kindred clubs so it should be a fabulous weekend. We need a team of volunteers to plan and deliver this ambitious weekend from set up through to close. Depending on numbers and camping kit we probably need to hire some equipment. We also need to think about running a barbeque and whether we can bring in an external pop-up meal provider etc. The activities will require organising and leaders for each recruiting. Clearly we can't organise an activity without a leader.

The gala dinner will be in late November and again we hope to make it a memorable affair with guests, speeches, an extra special meal and venue. For the dinner we are looking for several volunteers who can investigate venues and meal options that would be appropriate for around 100 guests providing a bit of wow factor. There are obvious criteria like veggie options and local accommodation but beyond that we want you to think outside the box and make it special. Your committee is currently proposing we subsidise this event to make it accessible to all members. This is an ambitious series of events requiring some enthusiastic volunteers to scope out all the detail of both the weekend and the dinner. The great thing is these are one offs so you can do your bit and be part of a story that began 75 years ago and will continue for the foreseeable future making a bit of mountaineering history.

So if you feel you could contribute to either or both projects please drop me an email. Jan.lumsdale@gmail.com

## Glen Etive 21-22 April Pip Leach



Five of us initially booked on this meet, John and Fr derique Gwyther, Peter Amour, Rachel Walker and myself. In order to coordinate lifts, Fr derique set up a WhatsApp called 'The Glen Etive Five!' I thought it sounded like the title of an Enid Blyton children's novel, whereas Peter

thought we sounded like a notorious London gang! I'll let you decide which is the more apt description.

We were joined by Neil Thompson and two friends from Lancashire Mountaineering Club, John and Sam. Neil and friends had been in Scotland for a while already and had been doing a mixture of canoeing, Munro and Corbett bagging.

Travelling north on the Friday, I had managed to pull in five Corbetts, just west of Tyndrum. I had had my eye on this round of five, for some time now. It's quite unique amongst Corbetts, as unlike Munros, they don't cluster in the same way. Needless to say, I arrived at the hut quite late and very tired, but pleased to have done them.

Meanwhile, the others had made themselves at home in the cosy and rather



basic hut. John fetched the water from the river and Rachel had, very kindly, cooked a meal.

Saturday, John, Frédérique, Rachel and I set off for the Munros Ben Starav and Glas Beinn Mor. The weather was glorious and sunny and the views sublime. The path meanders in a horseshoe, giving some options of scrambling, which Frederique embraced with enthusiasm. We were out about ten hours, Peter walked out to meet us, as we descended.

Peter had had a day of photography, including a 5.30am start, to catch the light coming up over Buchaille Etive Mor! (Rather you than me) Peter, then continued taking photographs in Glencoe and Glen Etive - getting sunburned in the process - ouch!

On the Sunday, the weather was not as sunny but still quite good for Scotland, cloudy and a cold easterly wind and snow flurries. Neil and friends walked up Beinn Nan Aighenan. Frédérique, John, Rachel and Peter used cars to do a shuttle and walked the West Highland Way from Inveroran Hotel to the White Corries ski Centre.

I had set off by bike, to cycle to a Graham a long way down Glen Etive, to where Glen Kinglass comes in. However, the cycling was going to be so long and arduous, Plan B was

adopted, namely a drive close to Bridge of Orchy to a Graham, Meall Tairbh.

Having booked an additional night in the hut, Monday morning, after cleaning up, five of us were heading over to Kinlochleven and Waters Cottage (for some hot showers). En route, we used cars again, for a linear walk from the waterfalls at Inchree, taking in the Graham Tom Meadhain.

At the time of writing, all of us are staying north of the border, for further adventures. I think particular credit needs to go to Frédérique, on this trip, for her series of 'firsts'

*Frédérique's first Munro!*



- first stay in a hut, first scramble, first Munro and first Graham. May there be plenty more!

## **Congratulations to Pam Norris on completing the Munros 29 April.**



*A great day for Pam as she finishes her last Munro supported by friends, family and members of the Oread. The photo shows her being piped home to the Inveroran Hotel to celebrate with a glass of bubbly (or two) Photo Peter Kennington.*

## **Cornwall Early May Bank Holidays Michael Hayes**

Great week in Cornwall thanks to the 38 Oread's, friends and families who joined the meet. There was some rain, and a few unfortunates went down with Covid but the sun shone too, Cornwall was surprisingly quiet and a good time was had, particularly by Chris Wilson who was giving his second new knee its first outing on real rock.



## Brassington walk 18 May Chris Paice



It was good to see at least one person had arrived when I turned up at 10.30. Rusty was pleased to see me too, thinking the set off time was 10.00. He had already been there half an hour! As the church clock struck 11.00 Barry, Heather, Paul, Rusty, Ruth and I wandered through Brassington wondering how, despite many times using this lane, we had missed the massive carving of 'The Old Man in the Woods' at the end of the lane.

Throughout the walk we were unexpectedly treated to a meadow full of buttercups, purple orchids, yellow poppies, violets, swathes of cowslips, a herb I can't remember the name of,

forget-me-nots and other flowers. These sights can't be planned. The weather was excellent and the distant horizon very distant but clear. Conversation was, as always, wide ranging but I did get lost on Rusty's calculations of the flow rate and drop referring to the River Dove. One member had a bit of shocking experience near the end encountering an unexpected entanglement with a live electric fence but, thankfully, all was well. Thank you all for your turning up, conversations and support.

## Hut Bookings.

Both our Welsh and Derbyshire hut bookings have now moved online at the Oread website [www.oread.co.uk](http://www.oread.co.uk).

The new system allows you to see up to date bed availability details and make your own bookings.

**Please remember to sign in as members first before making your bookings as you get access to the Oread beds and rates and you don't have to enter lots of details required for external bookings.**

All queries and outstanding payments should be addressed to Michael Hayes, the Hut Bookings Secretary: 179 Starkholmes Rd. Starkholmes, Matlock DE4 5JA Mobile 07771 700913. Email:

[michaelhayes6688@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhayes6688@gmail.com)

Our preferred method of payment is via bank transfer to our Lloyds account – Sort Code 30-98-97 Account number 62584068. Please use the 'Reference' box to say what the payment is for. **In particular please say which hut, ie Hut fees HL, or Hut fees TyW.** Your name is not necessary in the reference, unless it is different from the bank account name.

Alternatively you can post a cheque, payable to Oread M.C. to the above address.

## Mike Moore

**Mike's son, Mark wrote:**

“I write to inform you that Mike passed away on the morning of 13 May. I know that the Oread was very important to him and something he talked about on a regular basis.

He was extremely proud to be given an honorary position recently.

He lived to hear about the club and in the last few weeks I had to read him the minutes of the AGM!

His funeral will be held on 21 June at 1:30 pm Bretby Crematorium, Burton DE15 OBE.

Afterwards Dovecliffe Hall, Rolleston on Dove DE13 ODJ”

Mark would appreciate an email to confirm attendance to [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Memories of Mike will be most welcome for future issues.

## Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new Provisional Member, Ian Ferguson. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

An application for full membership has been received from Marie Cowie for consideration at the next committee meeting, on 6 June. If you would like to comment on this application please contact a member of the committee.

## Rusty's Puzzle Corner

### **This month's puzzle:**

A rock climbing pioneer, exploring some potential new ground for an ascent, suffered a fall but escaped serious damage or consequences by landing on a sloping ledge. Later, he reportedly remarked that the fates had chosen a nice safe place to teach him a lesson. Who was this and what was the location and the name of the climb later completed?

### **Last month's puzzle solution:**

The climbers sharing a common link were Peter Harding, connected with the Oread and Chris Preston, training with the Royal Marine Commandos. Chris led the first ascent of Suicide Wall on the East Wall of Idwal Slabs and Peter that of Suicide Wall on Cratcliffe, both in the late 1940s. Interestingly, Peter's second was the former Veronica Lee who later married our late friend Ernie Phillips.

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